



State of New Jersey

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Re: L.E. Carpenter Superfund Site
Wharton Borough, Morris County, New Jersey

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP or Department) has completed a review of the 1st Quarter Monitoring Report dated April 28, 2005. This document was prepared by RMT, Inc. on behalf of L.E. Carpenter and Company (LE). The NJDEP finds the report to be conditionally acceptable provided the following comments are addressed.

General Comment:

The NJDEP reiterates the requirement that any wells must be profile sampled to identify the most contaminated zone(s) when the new sampling program is established. Subsequent sampling would then target this zone.

Specific Comment:

Response to Regulatory Review of the 3rd Quarter 2004 Monitoring Report, page 1-3: The report states that 2 surface water samples were collected from the Air Products drainage ditch as part of the 2Q05 sampling event. It has been repeatedly requested in previous comments that the known discharge points (areas of seepage) at the Rockaway River and the Drainage Ditch be sampled immediately or during the next quarterly sampling event. The NJDEP is unclear why the Rockaway River was not sampled as part of the 1st Quarter 2005 sampling event as previously requested by the Department. This issue shall be clarified.

Should you have any questions please contact me at (609) 633-1416.

Sincerely,

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